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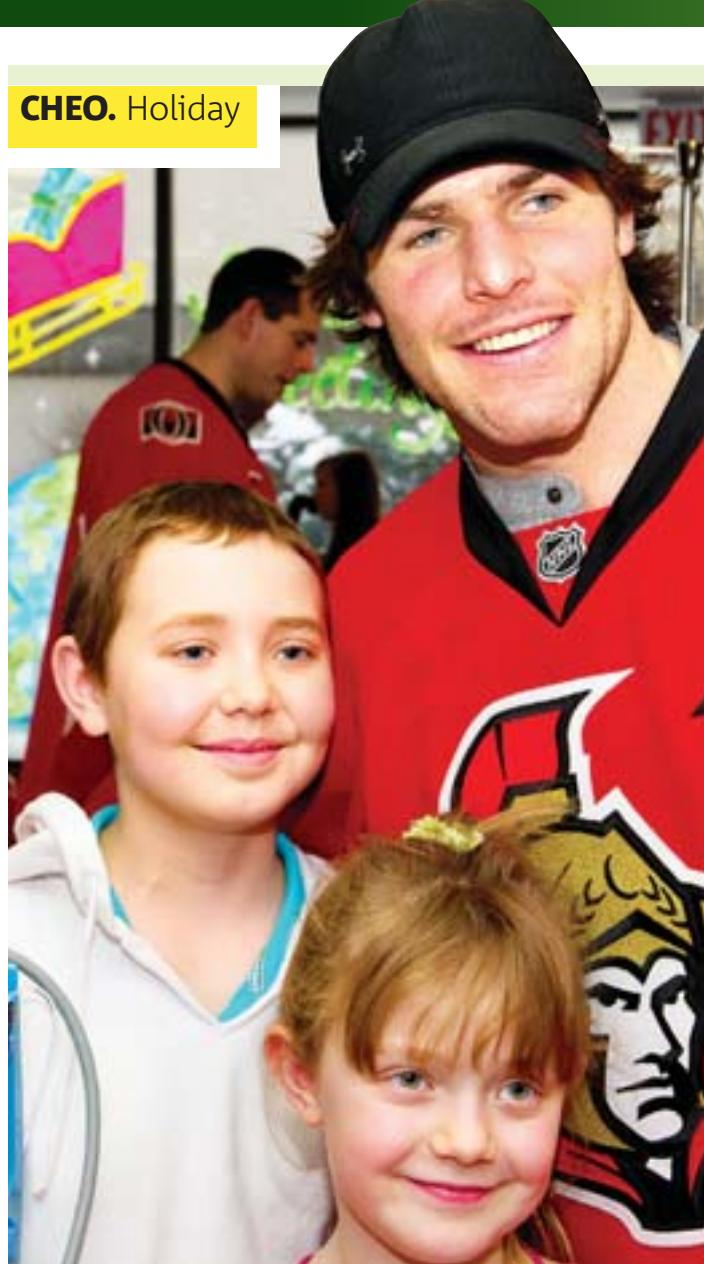
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News worth sharing.



Scoring some Christmas cheer

Children at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, like Casey and Amy Ouellette of Sturgeon Falls, got a visit from their favourite hockey players, including the Ottawa Senators' Mike Fisher, yesterday. The entire Ottawa Senators team — and Spartacat — made their annual Christmas visit to CHEO, where they met with patients and their families to sign autographs and spread some Christmas cheer. More photos at metronews.ca/local

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One more suspect out there?

► Accused accessories in shooting death to seek release on bail Monday ► Police refuse to confirm or deny they are looking for a fourth suspect

Police are looking for a fourth suspect in the shooting death of Yazden Ghiasi, sources familiar with the case say.

Ghiasi, 16, was shot and thrown out of a car Dec. 6, in a pot deal gone bad, said sources speaking on condition of anonymity.

Police charged Abdulhamid Wehbe, 20, with second-degree murder in Ghiasi's death. Zakaria Dourhnou, 18, and Khaled Wehbe, 19 were charged as accessories after the fact.

Dourhnou and Wehbe will have a bail hearing Monday, their lawyers Mark Ertel and Stuart Konyer said. Both accused appeared relaxed during video court appearances yesterday.

Sources said Dourhnou and Wehbe were not alleged to be in the car at the time of the shooting.

"(Khaled Wehbe) has no criminal record. He has strong family support. We have every expectation he should be given bail until these charges are dealt with."

DEFENCE LAWYER STUART KONYER

Ottawa police would only say the investigation is "still unfolding, and depending on how it goes, there could still be more charges."

Because of the nature of their charges Wehbe and Dourhnou must have their bail hearing in Superior Court before a judge. A publication ban will likely be sought on evidence presented at the proceeding, said Konyer. ● SEAN MCKIBBON

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Bailed out but still in jail

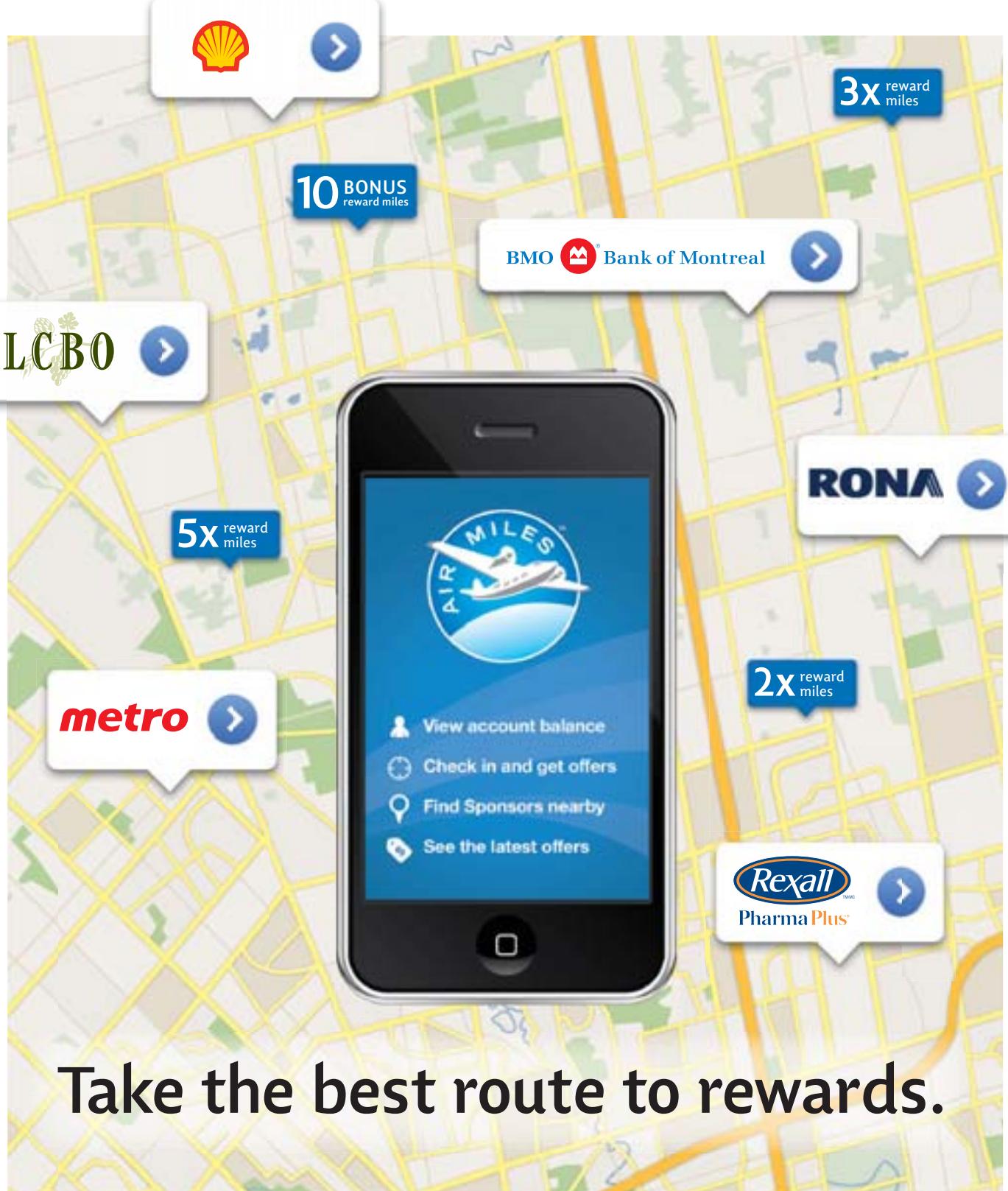
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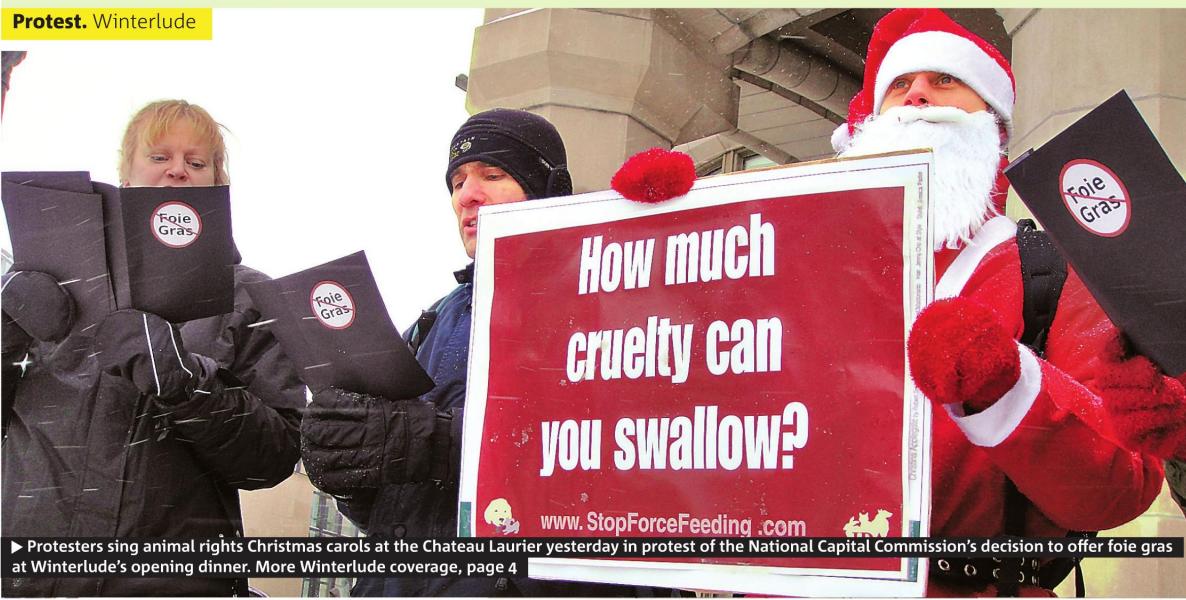
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Protest. Winterlude



► Protesters sing animal rights Christmas carols at the Chateau Laurier yesterday in protest of the National Capital Commission's decision to offer foie gras at Winterlude's opening dinner. More Winterlude coverage, page 4

JOE LOFARO/FOR METRO

Foie gras a foul, activists argue

Members of the Ottawa Animal Defence League protested the use of foie gras at Winterlude. Thousands of ducks are killed every week in Quebec for their enlarged livers, said OADL member Susan Lawrence. "The NCC does lots of good things and probably they're not even aware of how bad this really is," she said. NCC spokesperson Lucie Caron said the commission appreciates the concern but the details of the menu haven't been finalized.

F-35 deal may be boon for Canadian firms: MP

- Opportunity for companies to help maintain F-35 over 40-year lifespan unique: Lebel
- F-35 maintenance, overhaul, diagnostics represent high-value work, MP says

Canada's planned purchase of 65 American F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter aircraft could mean more than \$12 billion in economic spinoff benefits to firms across Canada, a member of the federal cabinet said.

"We know that the JSF program stretches well beyond the 65 planes that Canada is purchasing," said Denis Lebel, minister of state for the Economic De-

velopment Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec, yesterday as he addressed a conference put on by the manufacturer of the F-35 engines, Pratt and Whitney. Lebel told the conference that production of aircraft for partner countries could amount to as many as 3,100 planes.

Sales of F-35s to nations outside of the nine-country F-35 partnership could

"This is the kind of high-value work we were hoping for when we signed on to the (JSF) program."

DENIS LEBEL

boost production to 5,000 planes, he said.

That means Canadian firms can get a crack at maintenance contracts for

all 5,000 planes and not just those purchased by the federal government, Lebel said.

He called the opportunity "unprecedented" and said Pratt and Whitney's "sustainment" conference represented a chance for Canadian firms to meet Pratt and Whitney officials and hear about their plans for F-35 sustainment activities.

On Monday, Industry Minister Tony Clement announced the federal government will contribute \$300 million to a \$1-billion research and development program that Pratt and Whitney is developing.

Lebel slammed opposition party criticism of the purchase.

"It's time to stop playing political games," he said.

● SEAN MCKIBBON

Snowfall wreaks havoc on streets

It was chaos on the roads as morning commuters dealt with the heaviest snowfall the Ottawa area has had this season.

Environment Canada severe weather meteorologist Geoff Coulson said the Ottawa Airport measured eight centimetres of snow as of 2 p.m., while the area closer to the Ottawa River, including downtown Ottawa and Gatineau, received as much as 15 cm.

Ottawa police had a busy day, dealing with 87 calls for collisions from mid-

"Most people are paying attention and slowing down."

CONST. KATHY LAROUCHE

night to about 2:30 p.m. yesterday. Police said there were 24 collisions between 6 and 9 a.m. alone.

"It's the first snowstorm of the year and we expected to deal with a higher number than average," said Const. Kathy Larouche.

"Most of these collisions involved single vehicles that slid off the road. Even though most people are

used to winter driving here, it always catches people off guard."

There are generally fewer collisions with subsequent snowstorms, she said.

"We see people driving much more in accordance with weather conditions as winter progresses."

There were no serious collisions, she added.

There's still a chance of a few flurries today, but significant accumulation is not expected, Coulson said.

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► Vehicles slid in the snow downtown yesterday.

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News in brief

Alleged gang member deported

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terday. Omar Ahmed, 25, was removed from the country on Dec. 7. • **TRACEY TONG**

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Gearing up for Winterlude

► Kickoff celebration features DJ dance party, an interactive fire experience, sound performances and fireworks at the Canadian Museum of Civilization



TRACEY TONG
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The heavy snowfall the city received yesterday made the perfect backdrop as the National Capital Commission unveiled the lineup for Winterlude.

The 33rd edition of the event, which also coincides with the 41st season of the Rideau Canal Skateway, will be held from Feb. 4 to 21, 2011.

As in previous years, the event, which kicks off at the Canadian Museum of Civilization at 7 p.m. on Feb. 4, will have four sites, including the Crystal Garden in Confederation Park and the skateway in Ot-

tawa, and in Gatineau, the Snowflake Kingdom in Jacques-Cartier Park and the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

"Winterlude celebrates Canadian achievements, values and traditions and helps to enrich the social and cultural fabric of Canada," said NCC CEO Marie Lemay.

New this year is a partnership with the Ottawa Chamber Music Society, the Canada Science and Technology Museum, and the National Gallery of Canada, among other organizations, which will all provide programming.

Activities on the Rideau Canal Skateway include

"Winterlude belongs to all Canadians and should be a reflection of the whole country."
NCC CEO MARIE LEMAY

skating lessons, an interactive hockey zone, Portraits on Ice by Library and Archives Canada, the Winterlude Triathlon, a bed race, and the third annual Great Canadian Beaver Cup Pond Hockey Classic.

Returning to Confederation Park is the 24th annual ice-carving competition, which features artists from all around the world, said

Guy Laflamme, vice-president capital experience for the NCC. Visitors to the park aren't the only ones to be able to see the sculptures — Canadians can see the works online and cast their vote for their favourites.

The park will also host cultural and artistic displays and performances celebrating Chinese New Year, and at night, the Sub-Zero DJ Series featuring the best DJs in the region.

An all-new Winter Experience Zone joins giant snow slides at Jacques-Cartier Park. The zone includes an obstacle course challenge, giant snow sculptures and a kid zone.

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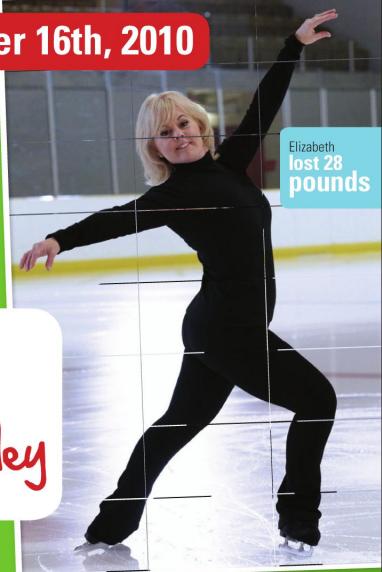
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Violence greets Berlusconi's victory

► Down-to-the-wire confidence votes capped hours of tension inside and outside parliament

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi won back-to-back confidence votes yesterday in the Italian parliament, narrowly surviving one of the toughest fights of his political life. But violent protests greeted his victory, as rioters torched cars, smashed windows and clashed with police.

Riot police fired tear gas to try to disperse the crowds in Rome after earlier trying to cordon off the area around parliament. Clouds of tear gas and orange flares engulfed some streets. Shops full of Christ-

mas goods hurriedly closed down, and employees at one bank cowered in fear as waves of stone-throwing youths swept by.

Tensions inside parliament's lower house had boiled over earlier in the day, as lawmakers pushed and shoved each other, forcing a brief suspension in the voting.

Ultimately, Berlusconi survived the Chamber of Deputies' no-confidence motion by just three votes after a more comfortable victory in the Senate earlier in the day. The outcome of the highly uncertain votes

attested to Berlusconi's uncanny ability to survive, even when nearly all indications pointed to a government collapse. Yet it also indicated he will have a difficult time governing, given the narrow margin.

Berlusconi had been weakened after a year dominated by sex scandals, corruption charges against some of his aides and a breakup with a close politically.

But the 74-year-old battled back, swaying a few crucial lawmakers to vote in his favour.

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SOLAR SYSTEM

Volcanoes of ice on Titan, say scientists

Scientists said yesterday they have found the best evidence yet of ice volcanoes on Saturn's giant moon Titan.

Unlike volcanoes on Earth, such a volcano on Titan may spew ice and hydrocarbons instead of molten lava.

"We finally have some

proof that Titan is an active world," said geophysicist Randolph Kirk of the U.S. Geological Survey, who presented the findings.

The latest evidence comes from the international Cassini spacecraft, which spied two peaks over 3,000 feet tall and what looked like old volcanic flows. Researchers said the landforms resembled Mount Etna in Italy or Laki volcano in Iceland.

There's no sign of volcanic activity on Titan, though scientists are keeping watch.

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Immigrant docs faked, consultant charged

A B.C. immigration consultant has been charged under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act.

Canada Border Services Agency says Gongyou (Jason) Mo has been charged with seven offences dealing with counselling misrepresentation. Mo also faces a single count of forgery for allegedly making false documents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parties find consensus on pardons system

► Reforms last June doubled waiting times for applications on serious crimes, including sex offences

A government move to flush out critics of reforms to the criminal pardons system has highlighted one key point of agreement: Convicted pedophiles should never be eligible.

Liberal, New Democrat and Bloc Quebecois MPs all made the same argument during two hours of debate at a special House of Commons committee hearing yesterday.

"What do we want to target? Pedophiles," Bloc Quebecois MP Maria Mourani said during an hour-long diatribe at the

Public Safety committee. The all-party consensus may not have been what the Conservatives hoped to see as the headline outcome.

The government has been hammering the Liberals, in particular, over their refusal to waive the pardons legislation through unaltered.

The Tories' trump card — repeated almost daily — has been to accuse the Opposition of siding with criminals, especially sex offenders, rather than victims.

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Legislation

The reforms were a reaction to the case of convicted sex offender Graham James, who had been quietly pardoned under the old rules in 2007.

► However, no government amendment deals with the most controversial aspect — a new rule that anyone convicted of more than three criminal offences is ineligible for life from applying for a record suspension.

India. Islam



► A Kashmiri Shiite Muslim boy bleeds as he flagellates himself during a Muharram procession in Srinagar, India.

MUKHTAR KHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Muslims enter month of mourning

Muharram is a month of mourning in remembrance of the martyrdom of Imam Hussain, the grandson of Prophet Mohammed. The mourning reaches its climax on the 10th day, known as Ashura, on which the forces of Yazid killed the 72 individuals who fought, including Imam Hussain and his family and supporters. The women and children left living were made prisoners and transported to Yazid's court in Damascus.

Ghana starts oil production

The West African nation of Ghana is poised to begin pumping oil for the first time, kicking off a lucrative new industry expected to bring \$1 billion annually to a part of the world where most people still get by on less than \$2 a day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dismissed files to be reviewed

Complaints of wrongdoing in the public service that were dismissed by the former integrity commissioner, Christiane Ouimet, will be reviewed, government and commission officials said yesterday.

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Child pornography ring busted

An international child pornography ring spanning three continents where members posted explicit images on an Internet message board has led to the arrests of more than a dozen people, authorities said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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► WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange gestures as he arrives at court inside a prison van yesterday in London, England.

Assange waits in jail

► Court grants bail, but Sweden appeals release of WikiLeaks founder
► Release would include strict conditions ► Supporters posted bail

A British judge granted Julian Assange bail yesterday but the WikiLeaks founder will remain in custody for at least another 48 hours after Swedish prosecutors said they would challenge the decision.

Assange, a 39-year-old Australian, has already spent a week in a British jail following his surrender to police in a Swedish sex-crimes investigation. He denies any wrongdoing.

ing and his lawyers say he plans to fight Sweden's extradition request.

Britain's High Court will hear the Swedish appeal, although it wasn't immediately clear when.

Assange's lawyer, Mark

Stephens, said his client's relief at the bail decision had already evaporated, calling it "unfortunate" that "the Swedes won't abide by the umpire's decision."

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Suits against Knights of Columbus allege abuse

Two men sued the Knights of Columbus yesterday alleging a youth leader sexually abused them decades ago and the world's largest Catholic lay organization covered up one of the men's earlier allegations of abuse.

The lawsuits claim that Juan (Julian) Rivera, a former leader of the Columbian Squires in Brownsville, Texas, abused the men in the 1970s and '80s when they were boys. One victim told Knights of Columbus officials in 1986 that he had been sexually abused by Rivera, but the

\$5M Attorney Jeffrey Herman, believes the lawsuits are the first against the Knights of Columbus to allege sexual abuse of children. Each lawsuit seeks more than \$5 million in damages.

Knights concealed the report of abuse and intimidated the victim into not making the abuse public, one lawsuit alleges.

Patrick Korten, senior vice-president for the Knights, said there were no records at headquarters of such a complaint, but he doesn't know about records in Texas. He said the organization acted quickly to remove Rivera and refer the matter to Texas police when officials first learned of the allegations last year.

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Workers jump to deaths in fire

Dozens of people were killed after a devastating blaze raced through a garment factory that supplies major multinationals such as Gap and JCPenney near Bangladesh's capital Dhaka yesterday.

Many of the dead included trapped workers who jumped from the smouldering building engulfed by flames, witnesses at the scene said.

Monir Hossain, a local

journalist at the scene, told The Associated Press the blaze broke out on the two upper floors during lunch break. A gate on a stairwell was locked, trapping people inside the factory, he quoted witnesses as saying.

Interior Minister Shabha Khatun said after visiting the site her ministry would probe whether it was related to recent protests at textile factories over wages.

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► A crowd gathers as smoke rises from a garment factory on fire near Dhaka, Bangladesh, yesterday.

Biebs avoids getting the criminal tag

- No charges laid against pop star
- RCMP closes investigation



DAVID SMITH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian teenage pop sensation Justin Bieber may be singing a happier tune after RCMP in Richmond, B.C., declined to lay charges stemming from an incident during a laser tag game.

Mounties in the Vancouver suburb issued a statement yesterday saying the investigation into an incident widely reported to involve Bieber is complete and no charges will be laid.

"The evidence doesn't support doing so," Cpl. Sherrdean Turley said in an

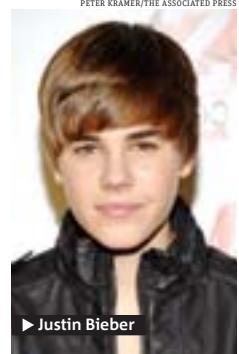
"(In) every offence under the Criminal Code, there's certain elements or criteria that have to be met and in this case, what was collected doesn't support a charge." CPL. SHERREDEAN TURLEY

interview.

Police began their investigation after the father of a 12-year-old boy came forward to complain a few hours after an alleged altercation during a laser tag game. The father told police his son was assaulted by another boy at the entertainment centre.

Mounties never specifically said that the 16-year-old teenage singing star was the focus of their investigation — as a minor, his name is protected by law.

Bieber's camp has never commented on the allegations. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Ankle deep in problems

Heavy rains Monday left many areas in Western New Brunswick with flooding problems in low lying areas yesterday. A number of schools across the province were closed yesterday because of flooding, and high winds are continuing to cause problems.

Woman, 20, pleads guilty to dumping newborn

35 By the time police learned of the baby's death, the contents of the dumpster had been taken to a landfill in Delta, where a team of 35 officers searched for several days before finding the remains.

A 20-year-old Richmond, B.C., woman has pleaded guilty to throwing her baby's body in a dumpster before the newborn's remains were found in a landfill.

The woman admitted to improperly disposing of a body, but because of a publication ban the media can't report any details released in court yesterday, except that the woman will be sentenced in March.

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300 stranded in SW Ontario snow storm

► Military helicopters used in rescue effort ► 237 people airlifted off highway

A family en route to a beach vacation, truckers hauling loads, commuters and even a British hip-hop star unwittingly joined a 300-strong fraternity of snowbound motorists trapped in vehicles overnight as a fierce storm walloped southwestern Ontario.

With everyone believed to have been rescued from snow-swept Highway 402 by late yesterday afternoon, all that was left was a final sweep to make sure no one was missed—and a massive cleanup.

Some 300 people were thought to be stranded when drifting snow and

zero visibility forced police to close a 30-kilometre stretch of the highway east of Sarnia on Monday.

Motorists had no option but to hunker down in their vehicles and wait for help.

That aid came with the daylight, as military helicopters and buses were employed to take 237 people to safety.

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300 Drifting snow and zero visibility trapped about 300 people in their vehicles on Highway 402, about 30 kilometres east of Sarnia.



► Randy Hills of London, Ont., a driver for Doug Coleman Trucking, walks away from his vehicle after police arrive to help on London Line, East of Sarnia, Ont., yesterday.

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Autistic kids to get more services

► Some parents have complained of long waits for therapy

Autism disorders

- Autism spectrum disorders affect about one in 150 children in Ontario. It also affects four times more boys than girls.
- It usually appears within the first three years of a child's life. Kids with such disorders can have difficulty relating to others.

Ontario will be expanding services for children with autism spectrum disorders starting next spring. Children and Youth Services Minister Laurel Broten said yesterday.

The province will spend \$25 million a year to provide Applied Behaviour Analysis services and supports in community agencies and centres,

schools and homes.

That will help about 8,000 children and youth communicate and cope better in school, Broten said.

"More kids are getting the right supports at the right time," she said in a release.

The government will also establish a committee of experts next fall to

provide advice on emerging research to help children with autism, she added.

The government already funds a more intensive form of ABA — called IBI therapy — for 1,446 children and youth, which is more beneficial for kids at the more severe end of the autism spectrum. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► Minister of Children and Youth Services Laurel Broten says the expanded services will help about 8,000 children with autism communicate and cope better in school.

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► Standing Senate Committee on National Finance chair Joseph Day speaks to media after recommending that the one cent coin be removed from circulation yesterday.

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Ceremony ripped for 'cultural insensitivity'

► Opening ceremony of Vancouver Olympics failed to embrace French Canada: Languages commissioner

The lack of French at the opening ceremonies of the Vancouver Olympics spoke to a "cultural insensitivity" among organizers and missed an important chance to highlight this country's bilingualism to the world, the official languages watchdog says.

Commissioner Graham Fraser released his final report on the Games yesterday. He said overall, organizers did a good job including French during the Games, from the official Olympic website to bilingual signs at sports venues to ensuring blue-jacket volunteers greeted visitors with "Hello" and "Bonjour."

But he says those



achievements were overshadowed by an opening ceremonies in which most of the entertainment and performances were entirely in English, prompting angry rebukes from politicians, athletes and the

public.

"The problem — and where we got the bulk of the complaints — was the show, the cultural content in which the host country at the Olympics presents the face of the country," Fraser said in an interview.

During the opening ceremonies, which were broadcast live around the world, all of the formalities — such as official speeches and the introduction of athletes — were in both French and English, said Fraser.

With the protocol out of the way, the so-called cultural component was almost exclusively in English.

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► Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan speaks at a Canadian Club of Toronto lunch in Toronto yesterday.

Perks to be cut, agencies shut to trim deficit

► 'We won't put up with unacceptable perks': Minister

Ontario's Liberal government plans to get rid of at least 12 of its 259 agencies and eliminate perks like golf club and gym memberships for public servants, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said yesterday.

The number of government agencies will be reduced by five per cent as part of the government's cost-cutting plans to trim the near \$19-billion deficit, Duncan announced in a speech to the Canadian Club.

"In these difficult times, we need to look under every stone to cut back on agencies with overlapping functions or agencies whose function could either cease to exist or simply be performed more efficiently by other means," he said.

"We are looking in our

Cutting costs

► There was no word on how much trimming the number of agencies and cancelling the perks will save the cash-strapped government, which has also imposed a two-year wage freeze on the public sector. The province is also cancelling two different awards programs set up in Premier Dalton McGuinty's name, which Duncan said will save about \$2.5 million a year.

own backyard, and we are also working with our partners to manage even better, together, in lean times."

The government has already identified more than a dozen Children's Aid Societies that will be consol-

idated into half that number, and other CAS agencies have asked to be added to the list, said Duncan.

"Change can be difficult, but these changes are essential," he said.

However, the Opposition said there are much bigger agencies that should be eliminated, such as the Ontario Power Authority and Local Health Integration Networks set up by the Liberals across Ontario.

"Honest to God, you could take any three letters of the alphabet, put them in any order that you want to, and you'll get some Ontario government agency, board or commission that you've never heard of but you're paying tens of millions of dollars a year to sustain," said Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Infectious diseases a burden: Report

A new report estimates that infectious diseases kill nearly 4,900 people in Ontario each year, and cause more than seven million illnesses.

The study looks at the burden of illness — healthy years lost — and finds the top 10 causes are hepatitis C, Strepto-

coccus pneumoniae, human papillomavirus, hepatitis B, E. coli, HIV-AIDS, Staphylococcus aureus, influenza, C. difficile and the common cold.

Altogether, the report looked at 51 infectious diseases, and co-author Dr. Jeff Kwong says he believes it's the first time so many diseases have been looked at and ranked in this way.

The report says the total burden from infectious diseases is roughly equal to 25 per cent of the burden of all cancers.

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Man gets 5 years for child porn

Police say a New Brunswick man has been sentenced to five years in prison after pleading guilty to charges including possession and production of child pornography.

RCMP Sgt. Carl Hache says 25-year-old James Carroll of Val Comeau, N.B., pleaded guilty in September to more than 20 offences.

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Forestry sector will profit this year: Report

► Industry hit hard in the recession ► Wood products exports expected to have grown by 2.4% in 2010

The forestry industry will return to profitability this year due to a mini-boom in the Canadian housing market, a slight improvement in U.S. demand, and growing exports to China, a report by the Conference Board of Canada says.

"After three years of losses, a surge in prices and demand lined up favourably early this year for the industry," said Jacqueline Palladini, an economist at the Conference Board.

Canadian production likely grew by 10.6 per cent in 2010, according to the Conference Board's latest review of the industry.

Revenues are increasing

Housing is key

The Conference Board predicts the industry's rebound will continue in 2011, but the pace of growth will slow.

- A slowdown in the Canadian housing market next year will reduce the number of new homes being built could hurt demand.
- Uncertainty in the U.S. housing market also remains a key concern.
- The American housing market improved slightly in 2010, but demand remained in flux due to a weak economic recovery.

this year for the first time since 2004. Despite rising costs, the industry is expected to post a profit of \$476 million in 2010.

The forestry sector was particularly hard hit during the recent recession due to slower demand for lumber for construction that compounded problems caused by a decline in demand for paper and newsprint.

"Between 2000 and 2010, Canadian exports to China have increased by 3,300 per cent. In fact, Canada surpassed Russia this year as the biggest exporter of softwood lumber to China," the board said.

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Mass layoff. Slow growth



► A woman walks by Yahoo Inc. headquarters in Sunnyvale, Calif. earlier this month. The Internet company has announced it plans to lay off between 600 and 700 workers.

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Hundreds let go from Yahoo

Yahoo has announced it is laying off between 600 and 700 workers in the latest shakeup triggered by the Internet company's lacklustre growth. The planned cutbacks represent about five per cent of Yahoo's work force of 14,100 employees. It will mark Yahoo Inc.'s fourth mass layoff in the past three years.

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The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is working with Ontario's health care providers to build a system in which your health care provider will have improved access to your personal health information including your laboratory test results.

The collection, use and disclosure of your personal health information are subject to the *Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA)* and this notice is being issued to provide you with information to help you to decide whether or not you want to share your information. The ministry is also subject to PHIPA.

For All Ontarians

Currently, laboratories submit your test results back to the health care provider who ordered the test(s) and any other practitioner copied on a requisition form. However, there may be several other health care providers involved in your care, who would not have access to your laboratory test information. The Ontario Laboratory Information System (OLIS) is an electronic system that will allow hospital and community laboratories to share your lab test results with health care providers, and will be a component of the Electronic Health Record.

As of mid-December 2010, the ministry will assume custody and control of patients' laboratory test information that is submitted to and stored in OLIS. MOHLTC will then begin providing your test results to eHealth Ontario, to enable eHealth Ontario to share this information electronically with your health care providers. eHealth Ontario is the public agency that is working to deliver a secure and private electronic health care system for all Ontarians. As an agent of MOHLTC, eHealth Ontario can share this information electronically with any health care provider who delivers your health care in Ontario. MOHLTC will use and disclose your information only as permitted by law, and work to ensure that your information is secure and your privacy is respected.

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Your privacy is important. As a patient, you can withdraw or reinstate your consent for MOHLTC and/or health care providers who have not ordered your laboratory tests to access your laboratory test information contained in OLIS. If you choose to withdraw your consent, MOHLTC and/or health care providers who have not ordered your laboratory tests will not have access to this information through OLIS. Choosing to withdraw your consent will in no way affect your relationship with your health care provider(s), who will continue to provide care to you.

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For Ontarians Living with Diabetes

There are three key tests that people living with diabetes should receive on a regular basis. They are:

- the HbA1C blood glucose control test, which patients should receive at least every six months;
- the LDL-C cholesterol test, which patients should receive every year, and
- a retinal eye exam, which patients should receive every two years.

The Diabetes Testing Report was created to keep your primary care provider (physician or nurse practitioner) informed of when you last had each of these three tests.

People living with diabetes who are tested regularly are better able to manage their diabetes and avoid complications. The Report will help you and your primary care provider better manage your diabetes care by reminding him or her if you are overdue for an HbA1C test, LDL-C test, or retinal eye exam, and it will encourage you and your primary care provider to talk about your diabetes care.

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TIRED OF THE ENTIRE GIVING PROCESS

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN



At the risk of sounding like Scrooge, I have a theory why charitable donations are down.

There's a new U.S. study showing that charitable donations fell 3.2 per cent in 2009, and wealthy households dried up the most: A whopping 34.9 per cent. You can hear those change purses snapping all the way across the border.

My theory is we're exhausted by the charitable donation industry, and the more money we have, the more exhausted we are.

Wherever we go, whatever we do, there's a hand sticking out in front of our faces.

Seasonal charities: Every carol

concert requires you to bring a non-perishable food item.

Charitable panhandlers: Those young men and women with clipboards stationed on every street corner on Earth, cheerfully ambushing you for Greenpeace, the Red Cross, Amnesty International, the World Wildlife Fund, etc.

Call centre charity: You want how much for what?

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If you manage to avoid all those opportunities, you turn up at the checkout stand and the clerk asks if you want to add a few bucks for the World Yak Relief Project (WYRP). Hey, I'm in favour of yaks. Just not here. Just

not now.

So it's no surprise that in the above-mentioned report, the main reason for the decline is that charities are asking too often and for too much money.

One altruistic impulse can wed you to a charity for life. Actually, it's easier to get a real divorce than it is to part ways with the WYRP.

If you give to yak relief, it's not long before all the other endangered or even just annoyed animals are calling, spamming, junk-mailing and stalking you for a donation. Tigers 2.0 lurk in the shadows of your in-basket or leap out of your mailbox, and they're just as eager to take a bite out of your hide.

OK, I admit I'm feeling guilty and sheepish and vile, but charities need to understand the accumulated impact of their frenetic campaigning is donor fatigue. If the frequency goes up, the amount goes down, according to Einstein.

We can't go back to the beginning and start all over again, but this year, I'm thinking of suspending all other donations, finding one little kid who seems particularly needy, and handing him (or her) a pile of cash.

And if it all gets spent on bubble gum and comic books, at least the kid will be happy while it lasts. Can't say the same thing about the yaks.

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Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

Worth mentioning

Bethlehem has seen a record number of tourists this year and its thousands of hotel rooms are fully booked for Christmas week, thanks to steadily declining violence in the West Bank over the past few years.

It's a welcome bit of good news in a period that is otherwise gloomy, with a U.S.-led Israeli-Palestinian peace effort appearing to have run aground.

So far this year, 1.4 million tourists have visited the traditional birthplace of Jesus and 90,000 are expected during the Christmas season, a significant increase over last year, according to Israeli government figures.

Holy Land



The town's 2,750 hotel rooms are booked solid for Christmas week and four more hotels are under construction. The expected turnout for Christmas week is up strongly from about 70,000 last year.

The Bethlehem they find may be different from what many expect: For one thing, Christians

have lost their majority: More than two-thirds of the 50,000 Palestinian residents are Muslim.

Still, the town does its best to take advantage of its place in Christian history, going so far as to link the Christmas nativity story to the fact that it houses the West Bank's best maternity facility.

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Scene in brief



The Social Network has racked up another slew of pre-Oscar awards, this time from the Toronto Film Critics Association, which has crowned it best picture of the year.

The Facebook saga scored five prizes from the critics group, including best director for David Fincher, best actor for Jesse Eisenberg, best supporting actor for Armie Hammer, and best screenplay for Aaron Sorkin.

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► The King's Speech leads Golden Globe contenders with seven nominations, including best drama and three acting honours ► Glee leads TV contenders with five nominations



► Jane Lynch is nominated for best supporting actress for her role as Sue Sylvester on Glee.



► Colin Firth is up for a best dramatic actor prize for The King's Speech.

Who's up for the 2010 Golden Globes

BEST PICTURE, DRAMA

- Black Swan
- The Fighter
- Inception
- The King's Speech
- The Social Network

BEST PICTURE, MUSICAL/COMEDY

- Alice in Wonderland
- Burlesque
- The Kids Are All Right
- Red
- The Tourist

BEST TV SERIES, MUSICAL/COMEDY

- 30 Rock
- The Big Bang Theory
- The Big C
- Glee
- Modern Family
- Nurse Jackie

BEST TV SERIES, DRAMA

- Boardwalk Empire
- Dexter
- The Good Wife
- Mad Men
- The Walking Dead

BEST ACTOR, TV MUSICAL/COMEDY

- Alec Baldwin, 30 Rock
- Steve Carell, The Office
- Thomas Jane, Hung
- Matthew Morrison, Glee
- Jim Parsons, The Big Bang Theory

BEST ACTRESS, TV MUSICAL/COMEDY

- Toni Collette, The United States of Tara
- Edie Falco, Nurse Jackie
- Tina Fey, 30 Rock
- Laura Linney, The Big C
- Lea Michele, Glee

BEST ACTOR, TV DRAMA

- Steve Buscemi, Boardwalk Empire
- Bryan Cranston, Breaking Bad
- Michael C. Hall, Dexter
- Jon Hamm, Mad Men
- Hugh Laurie, House

BEST ACTRESS, TV DRAMA

- Julianna Margulies, The Good Wife
- Elisabeth Moss, Mad Men
- Piper Perabo, Covert Affairs
- Katey Sagal, Sons of Anarchy
- Kyra Sedgwick, The Closer

BEST ACTOR, DRAMA

- Jesse Eisenberg, The Social Network
- Colin Firth, The King's Speech
- James Franco, 127 Hours
- Ryan Gosling, Blue Valentine
- Mark Wahlberg, The Fighter

BEST ACTRESS, DRAMA

- Halle Berry, Frankie and Alice
- Nicole Kidman, Rabbit Hole
- Jennifer Lawrence, Winter's Bone
- Natalie Portman, Black Swan
- Michelle Williams, Blue Valentine

BEST ACTOR, MUSICAL/COMEDY

- Johnny Depp, Alice in Wonderland
- Johnny Depp, The Tourist
- Paul Giamatti, Barney's Version
- Jake Gyllenhaal, Love and Other Drugs
- Kevin Spacey, Casino Jack

BEST ACTRESS, MUSICAL/COMEDY

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Scary Christmas to all, and to all a good fright

► Five of our favourite flicks for a horrifying holiday

With the yuletide near it's time for families to gather around the comforting glow of a television to watch films that revel in the mirth of the holiday season.

However, if you can't bear the thought of seeing the Grinch's heart grow three sizes for the 800th time, there is another option. Why not fill your family's heart with fear this year with a selection of horror films that add blood and guts to the Christmas season? The following are guaranteed to make grandma spit up her eggnog.

Black Christmas (1974)

Canadian director Bob Clark is best known for his B.B. gun classic *A Christmas Story*, but his first attempt to bring the holidays to the big screen was this pioneering slasher classic about a group of sorority girls bumped off over the



► **Gremlins**

Christmas break. Swell with national pride as you watch *SCTV's* Andrea Martin get impaled by an icicle.

Gremlins (1984)

Who would have thought a cute little Mogwai named Gizmo would go down as the worst Christmas gift in history by paralyzing an impossibly perfect small town with pint-sized monsters. Perfect for parents trying to dissuade their kids from asking for a new kids from asking for a new

pet for Christmas.

Silent Night, Deadly Night (1984)

There are many movies about killer Santas, but the most famous example is this controversial slasher about a deranged man dressed as Santa murdering promiscuous teens. Parents picketed this film's release in the '80s, but now you can buy it from any video store and share the trashy terror with the family.

Jack Frost (1997)

A possessed snowman kills people. 'Nuff said.

Sheitan (2006)

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► There was no singing ► But thousands did flock to watch Oprah film shows for her final series outside Sydney Opera House

For a few hours, Sydney swapped opera for Oprah.

Thousands of shrieking, jubilant fans flocked to the Sydney Opera House on Tuesday to watch TV talk show queen Oprah Winfrey tape two star-studded shows for her final series.

There were celebrities, giveaways and screams-a-plenty as 6,000 Oprah devotees jammed the steps of the landmark arts centre in Australia's biggest city for the filming. The production marked the finale of her weeklong trip, accompanied by 302 U.S. audience members who took part in Oprah's Ultimate Australian Adventure.

Winfrey's staffers whipped the already frenzied crowd into a tear-drenched state of hysteria before the host ascended the stage to the sounds of Men At Work's Down Under, Australia's unofficial anthem.

"HELLOOOO AUSTRALIA!!!!" she bellowed as the audience's roar reached a deafening pitch.



► Oprah Winfrey, left, poses with actor Russell Crowe while sailing on Sydney Harbour.

"Now I understand why you call Australia 'Oz,'" Winfrey said. "It's the end of the yellow brick road!"

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Off to Oz

When you can watch:

► On television Four shows from Winfrey's Aussie adventure will screen in January and are expected to be watched by millions of people in 145 countries.

ing her audience with her ultimate giveaway: an eight-day trip to Australia. For the past week, the lucky chosen have been travelling the continent — snorkeling the Great Barrier Reef, surfing at Sydney's famous Bondi Beach and exploring the rugged Outback.

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Factor in Cowell hate

► X Factor show coming to U.S. ► Will it work in a place tiring of Simon?

Look out, America. Britain's guilty pleasure, the cheesy X Factor TV show, is crossing the pond.

Will it work? Or is the U.S. public tiring of Simon Cowell-powered TV extravaganzas?

A record audience of nearly 20 million British viewers flocked to the X Factor Sunday night finale, which awarded a \$1.6 million recording contract to painter Matt Cardle, heretofore unknown beyond his immediate circle of friends.

The British experience suggests the headline-grabbing, rags-to-riches show may be a smash in the United States when it debuts next year, even if it's got some strong similarities to the popular butwaning American Idol.

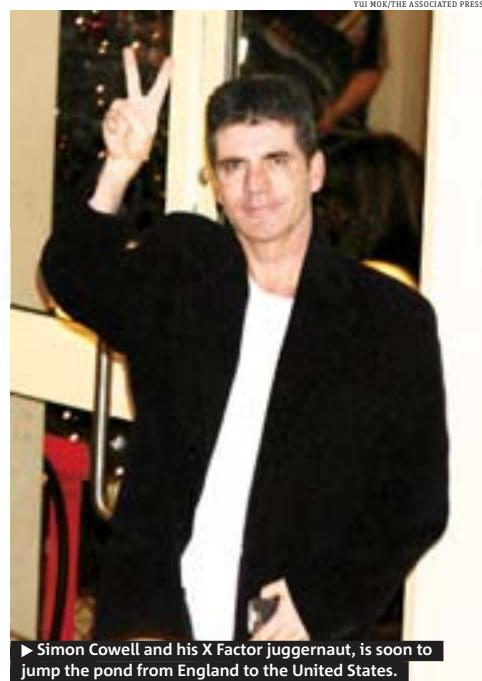
Cardle launched the first day of his new life Monday, embarking on a publicity blitz to try to drive his debut single, When We Collide, to become No. 1 on the British Christmas charts.

"Nothing can prepare you for the nerves and the fear of the first live show," Cardle told The Associated Press. "You're playing to 20 million people. You can't picture it. They're hidden but you know they're there, their eyes pouring in on you."

That lucrative spot has in recent years tended to go to the X Factor winner, but last year went instead to Rage Against the Ma-

chine, boosted by an anti-X Factor, movement on Facebook.

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► Simon Cowell and his X Factor juggernaut, is soon to jump from England to the United States.

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Miley's antics have Dr. Drew concerned

After a video showing Miley Cyrus smoking a bong hit the Internet, Dr. Drew Pinsky is worried about the Disney star, he tells Access Hollywood.

"We know that she's going to be acting out now because her family's in trouble, so it's not unusual,"

al to see depression manifesting as various kinds of acting out behaviours," Pinsky says.

"If I had a child that was doing that or if I was advising a parent, I would say get professional help immediately."

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Cage's rage caught on tape in Romania

Nicolas Cage flew off the handle while in Romania to shoot his latest Ghost Rider film, and his entire 5 a.m. tirade was caught on

tape, according to the Daily Mail.

While most of what Cage screams at an unidentified man is unintelligible on the video, he's heard yelling, "You want to kick me in the head? Go for it," before storming off, only to return moments later and continue yelling.

Cage was eventually escorted away by bodyguards. ● METRO

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Scarlett, Ryan split: Reports

- Reynolds recently became the first Canadian to snag People magazine's 'sexiest man alive' title
- Johansson was named GQ's 2010 'babe of the year'

Reports say that Canadian leading man Ryan Reynolds and his bombshell wife, Scarlett Johansson, have separated.

The Hollywood power couple married in September 2008 in a private ceremony at a remote British Columbia resort.

The gossip website TMZ features a short entry stating the duo are living apart and that "it's amicable."

Meanwhile, a source close to the couple tells Us Weekly that Johansson initiated the split about two weeks ago and that the couple have decided to end their marriage.

The 34-year-old Vancouver-born hunk is poised to star in one of the most buzzed about films of 2011, The Green Lantern.

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► Scarlett Johansson

Teen girls, start your engines

High School Musical co-stars Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens have called it quits after four years together, according to Gossip Cop.

The split was "amicable" and came about once

the pair acknowledged their relationship "wasn't going to go further."

When asked by Details earlier this year about being in a relationship, Efron said, "Believe me, I wrack my brain thinking, 'Why

am I not out there playing the field?' One of my buddies was like, 'You have no idea what's going on right now. You're peaking on Ecstasy and you're watching TV.' But it's not in my heart." ● METRO

Celebrity tweets



50 Cent (@50cent)
Why people keep saying I got jungle fever. I ain't never even kissed a white women. Lol



Russell Brand (@rustyrockets)
Today I am 8 years clean.



Sarah Silverman (@SarahKSilverman)
It's gross when someone says they're starving but they have food in their teeth



Kathy Griffin (@kathygriffin)
Today I am on my way to Palm Springs to do 2 shows tomorrow. Hmm I wonder if there are any gay people there?

Pitt's kids rule the set

Keith Middlebrook, who co-stars with Brad Pitt in the upcoming Moneyball, says it was clear who was in charge of the set on their movie: Pitt's six kids, who often came to the set to visit their dad.

"There were toys and there were kids everywhere," Middlebrook tells Us Weekly. "We didn't really hang out because he had the kids."

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Bill's home



The home in Hope where Bill Clinton spent the first four years of his life will officially be a national historic site as of Jan. 2.

Organizers worked for years to earn the status for the Clinton First Home Museum on Hervey Street. More than 80,000 visitors from 159 countries have toured the two-storey, wood-frame home since it opened as a museum in 1997.

The museum won approval last year to become part of the National Park Service.

The home remained the focal point for the future president's family for several years after he and his mother moved out.

Museum director Martha Berryman emphasizes the experiences that Clinton had in his early youth, such as witnessing the effects of segregation, that gave him the foundation for his notions of social justice.

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History of Montreal's
Ste-Catherine Street on
display in museum exhibit

Christmastime in the United States

Heading south for the holidays? If so, there are plenty of great places to visit to get you in the holiday spirit, from lighting festivals to Cinderella's Castle



Walt Disney World Orlando, Florida

At Walt Disney World in Orlando, it's Christmas through Jan. 3. Cinderella's Castle is lit up with 200,000 white lights and Mickey's Very Merry Christmas Party, a ticketed event certain evenings through Dec. 19, features twice-nightly Christmas parades plus live shows, carollers and more.

Other holiday happenings include a "Holidays Around the World" showcase at Epcot through Dec. 30, where storytellers share their heritage. Epcot also hosts a daily gospel performance through Dec. 26, and the Candlelight Processional featuring a choir, orchestra and a celebrity narrator retelling the Christmas story, through Dec. 30.



Mission Inn Hotel & Spa Riverside, California

The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa, at 3649 Mission Inn Ave., is hosting its annual festival of lights through Jan. 2.

Visitors will find a dazzling 3.5 million lights, a tree, carollers, and animatronic elves, angels and other characters in 17th-century costumes. The display is free and open to the public; the hotel also has holiday overnight packages starting at \$199.

The festival spills out into the city of Riverside with lights and decorations all over town as well as an outdoor skating rink in the main street pedestrian mall near the historic hotel.

For more details visit missioninn.com.



Universal Studios Hollywood, California

At Universal Studios, cast members from Glee and other celebrities will read Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas and take part in nightly lightings of a Grinchmas tree, beginning Dec. 11 and 12 and continuing daily Dec. 18 through Jan. 2.

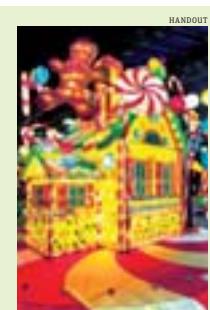
The celebration includes a field of snow where families can build snowmen, as well as visits to the set where the Grinch movie was filmed aboard Universal's Studio Tour, and photo ops with the Grinch and his dog, Max. Tickets, packages and hotel deals at universalstudioshollywood.com or universalorlando.com.



Biltmore House Asheville, North Carolina

In North Carolina, the historic Biltmore House is celebrating Christmas through Jan. 2 with 150,000 lights, carollers, holiday cooking and decorating demonstrations, wine-tastings and a lit-up 17-metre Norway spruce on the front lawn.

Biltmore's original owner, George Vanderbilt, first opened the home to friends and family on Christmas Eve 1895 for what became an annual Christmas Party. Biltmore recalls the era with Candlelight Christmas Evenings featuring performances by ballroom dancers in vintage costumes and choirs. Details at biltmore.com.



Galt House Hotel Louisville, Kentucky

A brand-new attraction called Kalightoscope opened this season in Louisville, Ky., at the Galt House Hotel on 140 N. Fourth St.

The walk-through pavilion of lighted holiday sculptures is divided into 12 holiday-themed sections including "Toyland," the "Christmas Tree Maze," "The Lighted Forest," and "The Nativity" among others.

The attraction is open through Jan. 3; tickets are from \$14.95 to \$17.95. Details at kalightoscope.com. Other holiday offerings at the hotel include a Christmas dinner show and events with Santa in a life-size gingerbread village.

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From Manhattan to Salt Lake City, X-mas is everywhere

If the above American Christmas destinations don't appeal to you there are plenty of other great options to consider.

Le Parker Meridien hotel at 119 W. 56th St., in Manhattan also hosts a gingerbread house display, with creations by local pastry chefs and bakeries. Stop by the hotel concierge desk and buy a \$1 ballot to vote on your favourite; the money goes to City Harvest, which supplies programs that feed the hungry. The theme of the gingerbread creations this year is "Movies Made in

New York," with King Kong and West Side Story among the films represented.

In Salt Lake City, Utah, Temple Square is decorated with hundreds of thousands of lights and a life-size nativity scene. Less than 60 kilometres away in Ogden, you'll be transported to Santa's North Pole village with lights, cottages, entertainment, Santa's castle and shopping. One hundred miles southeast of Salt Lake, the town of Helper is nicknamed "Christmas Town" because its buildings, lit up for the



► Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah

holidays, look like a magical Christmas town from the early 20th century.

Another town with holli-

day lights is McAdenville, N.C., where a half-million lights are strung on nearly 400 fir trees. The display started with a few lights in the 1950s but has evolved into a major attraction with support from a local manufacturer, Pharr Yarns. Some 600,000 people now visit the town of 600 annually, driving or strolling along a one-mile stretch to view the red, green and white lights, which are lit each evening through Dec. 26. Details at mcadenvillechristmastown.com. McAdenville is less than 30 kilometres from Charlotte.

Bethlehem, Pa., hosts a popular holiday market called Christkindlmarkt which offers handmade works, live music, ice carving and glassblowing demonstrations. The market's remaining dates are Dec. 9 to 12 and 16 to 19, Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bethlehem also hosts holiday concerts, nighttime bus tours of holiday lights and city history, carriage rides and other events like a Peeps Fest, named for the candy. Details at christmascity.org.

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Las Vegas gets a new hot spot

► U.S. recession has hurt sin city, but new hotel Cosmopolitan hopes things will be turning around

The last major Las Vegas resort approved before the Great Recession will have to lure thousands of gamblers from established neighbours to survive after it opens today.

The \$3.9-billion US Cos-

mopolitan of Las Vegas, built by a German investment bank after its original developer defaulted, may have the hippest-ever TV commercials: Over a garage-rock soundtrack with a jazzy interlude,

guests with crafty smiles stray across a landscape of shiny dance floors, soothing guest rooms and tables laden with food and drink.

But the 2,995-room Cosmopolitan is entering a market that's struggling

And analysts say that just to cover its debt, it will need to do better than even the top-performing Bellagio, its neighbour to the north with 3,933 rooms and the same amount of casino space as

Cosmopolitan.

"If you take a look at everything that's opened in recent years, these properties have all struggled out of the gate," said Bill Lerner, an analyst with Union Gaming Group. "I'm not sure why this will be different."

Tourism to Las Vegas has increased from the woeful days of 2008 and 2009. And Lerner says the Cosmopolitan will get significant help from being owned by Deutsche Bank, which gave the project far lower interest rates and better terms than usual for commercial loans.

The Cosmopolitan's insides are designed to make people gawk. Video-screen columns cycling moving art greet visitors in the lobby. Across the resort, guests can sip cocktails inside a three-storey chande-

lier. And its 13 restaurants (including an unmarked pizza joint) will offer world-class cuisine to please any New York foodie. But the Cosmopolitan's biggest trump on the competition might be its rooms, most of which offer spacious terraces with incomparable views of Las Vegas. Most were planned as condominiums — big and with kitchenettes.

The resort has enough gambling space to fill almost two football fields, with some spots offering slot-side bottle service. It'll have just a handful of baccarat tables to start, even though the generally high-stakes game has held its popularity through the recession. Unwin said the Cosmopolitan's gambling business will adapt to its customers.

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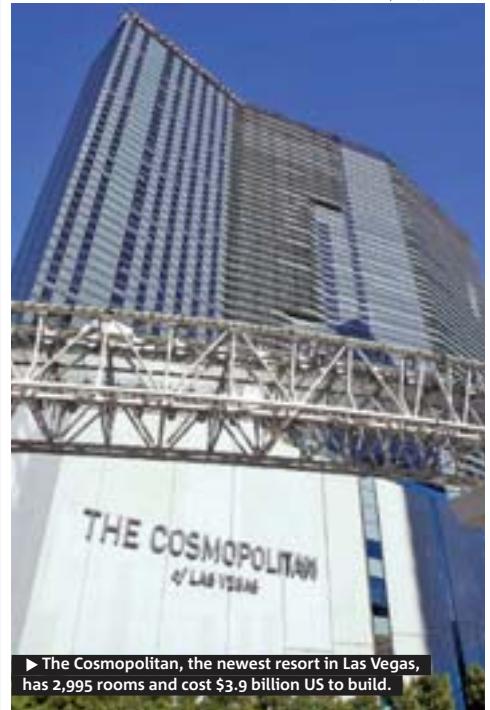
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That was the inspiration for this bold, rich roasted brisket with red wine jus.

You start by bashing together fresh rosemary, garlic, salt and black peppercorns. The blend is rubbed over a brisket.

The meat is surrounded by mushroom caps, a quartered onion and a quartered pomegranate. Pop it in the oven and walk away.

When the brisket is done, you set it onto a plate to rest, spoon the mushrooms around it, then strain the liquid in the pot. And that's about it. The pomegranate breaks down during cooking, lending a tart-sweet flavour that complements the salty flavour of the meat. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► This bold and rich roasted brisket is made with mushrooms, onions and pomegranate.

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Pomegranate-Rosemary Brisket with Red Wine Jus

Preparation:

- 1 Heat oven to 150 C (300 F). Drizzle oil over bottom of a Dutch oven.
- 2 Using a mortar and pestle, spice grinder or small food processor, grind together salt, peppercorns, rosemary and garlic until they form a coarse paste.
- 3 Rub rosemary-garlic blend over brisket, then place meat in Dutch oven. Scatter mushrooms, onion and pomegranate around meat, then pour wine down side. Cover pot and roast for 2 to 2 1/2 hours or until meat is fork tender.
- 4 Transfer brisket from pot to a serving platter. Use a slotted spoon to transfer mushrooms to platter. Cover with foil and set aside.
- 5 Pour liquid in pot through a mesh strainer into a bowl. Discard solids. Return strained liquid to pot and set over medium-high. Simmer until reduced and thickened, about 10 minutes. Serve alongside meat and mushrooms.

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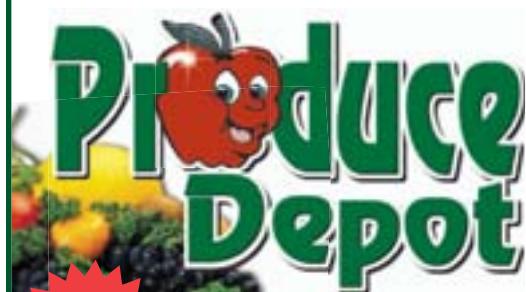
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Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) kosher salt
- 7 ml (1/2 tbsp) whole peppercorns
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary, leaves only
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1 kg (2 1/4 lbs) brisket, trimmed of fat
- 250 g (8 oz) baby portobello mushrooms
- 1 medium yellow onion, quartered
- 1 pomegranate, quartered
- 250 ml (1 cup) red wine



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Set up a winning goal

► Do you slip into old habits post-New Year's? ► Follow these rules to forge ahead with your resolutions

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According to Mark Murphy, author of Hard Goals: The Secrets to Getting from Where You Are to Where You Want to Be, "85 per cent of New Year's resolutions are abandoned within 90 days of New Year's."

For 2011, Murphy shows you how to stick with your goals by using some basic rules. He breaks them down into four subgroups: heartfelt, animated, required and difficult.

"A goal has to be heartfelt — you have to have some emotional connection to it. It has to be animated, in that we have to

"Most people who are great achievers, once they hit a goal, they're always looking for a new goal."

AUTHOR MARK MURPHY

visualize it in our minds. Required means we need to feel some kind of urgency for it. And it has to

be difficult, as we perform best when our brains are most awake," he explains.

These four categories add up to the most important goal, what Murphy describes as a "hard goal." These goals are highly achievable and keep a goal-setter motivated.

"The interesting thing is that too often people view goal-setting as a one-shot

endeavor," Murphy says. "You set the goal, you forget about it and you expect it to take care of itself. How we feel when we initially start a goal; that motivation can wane."

Murphy also says that setting goals effectively can create happiness, or at least a more positive point of view. "Most people who are great achievers, once

they hit a goal, they're always looking for a new goal," he says. "We found that people who tend to be the happiest are people who keep goals coming."

His advice: "Lay down the foundation by finding a goal that you want to do and find an emotional connection to that goal. You have to find some reason that you care about it."



► Mark Murphy shares the key to resolution success in his book Hard Goals.

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► Bounce back into the workforce with confidence with these five tips from the author of 2011 Career Plan

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The sad fact for most modern workers is that if you can be replaced for cheaper, you will be. But with these tips from Laurence Shatkin, author of 2011 Career Plan: The Best Moves Now for a Solid Future, you can always bounce back.

Get involved in networking organizations.

Look for networking groups that have a broader membership than those in career transition: ExecuNet, which has chapters across the country, is a group that brings executives, recruiters and business leaders together for discussion in-person and online. Leadership organi-

zations can also be great networking groups.

Use your alumni network.

The term "alumni" can apply to different groups: your college, high school, sorority/fraternity or people you worked with at a former employer. Mobilize them all.

Alumni associations can provide a wealth of contacts and resources for job hunters. Have you caught up with a college roommate lately?

Use LinkedIn or Facebook to find out how they are and where they're working. You could find a potential advocate for a target employer. If not, you've

at least reconnected with an old friend.

Volunteer your expertise.

Using your knowledge in a field to help others can benefit you in your job search. Employers want to hire people who are highly regarded in their fields. Volunteering provides the opportunity to build a reputation in an industry while making contacts.

Be curious wherever you go.

As you're networking or just running errands, be aware of what's going on around you and ask questions. Curiosity usually leads to discovery.

That can mean meeting someone who will lead you to a potential job. If you're shy about touting yourself, asking people about their jobs, careers or interests can be a way to expand your network in new and surprising ways.

Remember, it's a small world.

With so many people in so many industries displaced in the recession, it's highly likely you will know people as potential employers. Previous work experience with someone on the inside can be a major advantage. **METRO**

in our students?

► Current evidence shows that grouping students based on their academic abilities may be detrimental

"Grouping" by ability, or "tracking" or "streaming" means that students are placed into groups defined by their ability levels.

Students may be grouped by ability either for a subject (for example for mathematics or reading) or for all or almost all their instruction.

Students' assignment to an ability group may be temporary, changing during the year, or relatively permanent. Advocates of grouping by ability claim that it can raise achievement standards, since teachers can target their instruction and use resources more effectively.

However, research has shown that grouping by ability can have adverse effects on students' attitudes toward schooling and their self-esteem.

Studies on ability grouping show inequitable outcomes and social consequences.

- It is very difficult to distinguish "ability" from "prior achievement."

- Use of grouping by ability is associated with worse overall student performance.

- Students placed in higher ability groups may perform better but students placed in lower ability groups typically perform worse than in mixed ability groups.

- There is a tendency for lower teacher expectation and lower quality of instruction in lower ability groups.

- For students assigned to low-ability groups,

there are negative effects on their self-esteem, motivation and attitudes toward schooling.

Research suggests that students in non-grouped settings, especially for those with lower achievement, have more healthy and positive attitudes toward school than students tend to have in grouped settings. Researchers advocate using mixed grouping as well as reducing ability grouping in schools, but more important is to focus much attention on improving instruction and curriculum for students of all achievement levels.

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- Who wins in the never ending tug-of-war between work and family
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At the end of the day someone has to pick up the kids. Plain and simple. But what happens if your employer

changes a term or condition of your employment that prevents you from doing so. It's irritating sure, but is it discrimination?

Human rights legislation suggests it might be. In almost every province, employers are prohibited from discriminating against employees on the basis of "family status" which is generally defined as being in a parent and child relationship.

However, this is a developing area of law, and balancing an employer's right to govern the workplace with an employee's parental obligations is an ongoing power struggle.

Employers expect employees to show up regularly and perform the duties and responsibilities of their position.

Further, employers can set hours of work and schedule shifts.

Family status issues arise when the employer changes a condition of employment which causes serious interference with an employee's parental obligations. In these cases, an employee may require accommodation.

That said, not all workplace changes will result in discrimination and the need for accommodation.

The "test" is a change which causes interference with a parental obligation outside the scope of ordinary child care requirements. Examples include an employee who required specific post-natal scheduling changes and an employee whose child had a medical condition which necessitated special after-school care.

Conversely, discrimination has not been found where an employee was unable to relocate to a new job site due to a complex custody arrangement, where there were other reasonable child care alternatives available, or where the employer's change prevented an employee from attending his child's extra-curricular activities.

If an employee requests accommodation based on family status, employers should ask what special circumstances exist, provide no more than the minimum amount of time off, and remind the employee that this time off is unpaid.

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Fantuz seeks NFL job

The CFL's outstanding Canadian is testing the waters south of the border.

Saskatchewan Roughriders slotback Andy Fantuz was scheduled to participate in a workout yesterday with the Pittsburgh Steelers and has another session booked Saturday with the Minnesota Vikings.

"That's all I have scheduled so far," Fantuz said in a video posted this week on YouTube. "They are just workouts."

"Just kind of feeling it out and see how it goes and we'll take it one day at a time."

In the video, Fantuz said he was scheduled to work out yesterday with the Steelers.

A Pittsburgh official said it's club policy not to comment publicly on player workouts.

The six-foot-four, 220-pound Fantuz examined his NFL options last year before signing a new deal with the Roughriders. However, because Fantuz is entering his option year, he has until Feb. 16 to work out for NFL clubs and potentially sign a contract.

If he doesn't sign an NFL deal, Fantuz would return to Saskatchewan for the 2011 campaign.

Fantuz enjoyed a banner 2010 season with Saskatchewan. The native of Chatham, Ont., was the CFL's leading receiver this past season with 87 catches for 1,380 yards and six TDs.

Fantuz became the first Canadian-born player to lead the CFL in receiving since Dave Sapunjis accomplished the feat with Calgary in 1995. Fantuz was named the league's top Canadian this season.

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► Cliff Lee is returning to the Phillies despite receiving a bigger offer from the Yankees.

Millions left on the table

► New York Yankees offered \$30M more, but Cliff Lee preferred Phillies

\$11M

Cliff Lee's salary next season. His pay escalates to \$21.5 million in 2012 and \$25 million in each of the following three seasons.

At some point, it seems, Cliff Lee figured it wasn't about the money anymore. Baseball's hottest free agent could have had \$150 million US and a spot on the biggest stage in the game with its most successful team — the New York Yankees, winners of 27 World Series.

Instead, the star pitcher got up from the table and left \$30 million behind.

He picked the Philadelphia Phillies, winners of just two titles in more than

The Phillies will give him \$120 million guaranteed over the next five seasons, according to several people in baseball familiar with the deal.

Why does a guy leave all that money behind?

Apparently, because he had all he needed — something that agents and others in the financial end of baseball say happens more than you might expect. Lee and his family liked Philadelphia. Plus, his wife had complained that New

York fans were rude and spat at the Rangers' wives during the American League championship series this fall when Lee was pitching for Texas, his other big suitor this off-season.

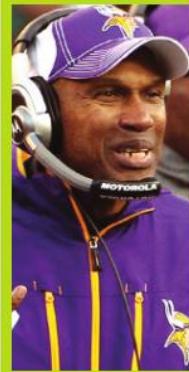
Lee's move was the buzz of baseball yesterday. He is expected to take a physical and seal the deal today.

"That's the most I've ever seen a player walk away from," former Mets general manager Omar Minaya said. "It's unprecedented."

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"It looks like there's a chance that we're going to be able to get him back at some point. Hopefully, this week."

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LESLIE FRAZIER, ON
WHETHER BRETT FAVRE
WILL PLAY AGAIN.

"Brett, he's an unusual healer. He comes back a lot sooner than others from most injuries. We'll just have to wait and see."

FRAZIER

Votto honoured as Canada's top athlete



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Cincinnati Reds first baseman Joey Votto has won the 2010 Lou Marsh Award.

The honour — decided by a panel of sports editors, reporters and broadcasters — is given annually to Canada's outstanding athlete by the Toronto Star.

Votto became just the third Canadian to win one

of baseball's most valuable player awards.

The 27-year-old native of Toronto was a near unanimous choice for the National League award. He hit .324 with 37 home runs, 113 RBIs and 16 stolen bases last season.

Sidney Crosby won the Lou Marsh Award last year.

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Sports in brief

Overbay joins the Pirates

MLB. Free-agent first baseman Lyle Overbay reached a one-year deal with the Pittsburgh Pirates yesterday, returning to the NL after five seasons with Toronto.

Overbay, 34, hit 20 home runs and 37 doubles last year with the Blue Jays. He batted .243 with 67 RBIs.

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Backup plan in Minnesota

NFL. The Minnesota Vikings said yesterday they're getting ready to use Minnesota's TCF Bank Stadium as a backup if the torn Metrodome roof can't be repaired before Monday night's game with Chicago.

Workers began the daunting task of removing snow from the outdoor stadium, which was buried after a weekend snowstorm.

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A LOOK BACK ON THE SEN'S GOOD OLD DAYS

As the moral victories begin piling up more quickly than the real ones and a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference slips more into jeopardy for the Ottawa Senators, we thought it would be a nice diversion to play a little game called, "My, How Times Have Changed."

Weir's caddie walks away

Mike Weir and his long-time caddie Brennan Little are going their separate ways.

The two have been together for 12 years but Little is leaving Weir to caddie for Sean O'Hair in 2011.

"After a long time together, Brennan and I are going to part ways," Weir said in a blog entry on his website yesterday. "He told me that he's going to work for Sean O'Hair next year and I couldn't be happier for him."

Weir has been battling an elbow injury and was forced to take three months off this season.

He returned to action on the weekend at the Shark Shootout and is confident about his recovery, though he's not sure how many events he'll play in 2011.

"I know that he has to look after his family and my situation, while I remain confident, is certainly not all that stable at the moment," Weir wrote. "He'll be great with Sean and I predict big things for them next year."

Weir called Little a "tire-

less worker," and said he wouldn't have gone as far in his career without the caddie's support.

Little said he will continue that support. "Mike and I are great friends, always will be, and he understood that while it was a very difficult decision for me, I do have to consider what is best for my family," Little said on his own blog. "He knows that I will always be there for him, helping in whatever way I can."

O'Hair had three top-10 finishes in 2010 for over \$1.8 million US in earnings. The 28-year-old American has two tournament wins in his career.

Weir didn't say who would carry his bag in 2011.

The Bright's Grove, Ont., native said he felt good at the Shark Shootout, an non-official event.

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Those of you suffering angst over the Senators' current plight can take solace that there were happier times once. For example, remember when:

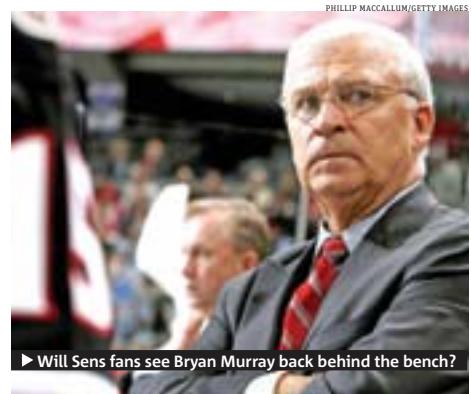
All the Senators had to do sometimes was throw on the pads, grab their sticks and let their overwhelming talent do the rest? This is a team now that needs a superhuman effort just to stay in games against mediocre opponents in a mediocre Eastern Conference. My, how times have changed.

The Senators were one of the fastest and most dynamic teams in the NHL? Now they look very old and slow, with the exception of their young players, who look young and slow. My how times have changed.

Strong drafting and shrewd trades resulted in the Senators having an embarrassment of riches when it came to prospects in their system? It's certainly not terrible, but if anyone can find a Senators prospect with top-shelf offensive talent, please let us know. My, how times have changed.

Daniel Alfredsson was a legitimate threat at both ends of the ice? Alfredsson still plays every game with the same level of determination and professionalism, but his (possible) Hall of Fame career looks to be waning. The effort is there, the results are not. My, how times have changed.

Jason Spezza didn't make irresponsible no-look passes at the opposition blue-line in overtime? Well, truth be told, he's always done things



► Will Sens fans see Bryan Murray back behind the bench?

like that, but the good things he did have, until recently, outweighed the bad. My, how times have changed.

The Senators played before capacity crowds? The Senators' attendance numbers have not been this low since they increased the seating capacity to 19,153 in 2005. With an average of just 17,701 at Scotiabank Place so far this season, the Senators are drawing more than 2,000 fewer fans per game than they were in 2007-08. My, how times have changed.

GM Bryan Murray fired his coach and went behind the bench himself? That one might be coming, so stay tuned.

Perhaps times haven't changed so much after all.

Balance is juniors' goal

After relying on star players like John Tavares and Taylor Hall for goals in the past, Canada hopes to have a more balanced attack at this year's world junior hockey championship.

The lack of marquee names has been a topic since 40 players arrived for the team selection camp on Saturday.

But forward Jaden Schwartz is confident there's enough talent to get the goals they'll need when the tournament opens Dec. 26 in Buffalo.

"Every single guy here has got skill and everyone can score," the Colorado College left-winger from Emerald Park, Sask., said yesterday.

"We might not have any huge superstars. That's the word going around town, although I'm sure down the road there are going to be superstars from this team in the NHL. But I think it's a team that will score by commit-

tee. Four lines of scoring and four lines of grit. Everyone can do it all on this team."

Team management was confident enough that among the first nine cuts were two of the top-10 scorers from the Western Hockey League, Linden Veh and Brenden Gallagher, as well as Ontario Hockey League scoring star Garrett Wilson.

Coach Dave Cameron has said from the start he expects it to be a blue-collar team that will need to work hard in all three zones of the ice and grind out wins.

But the potential to score is there, though it may be less evident than in past years which players will grab the spotlight in Buffalo.

Another nine cuts are to be announced early today before the final 22-man roster meets at the MasterCard Centre for a team picture.

Later today, the final roster will begin the team-building process.

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d-Washington	32	18	11	2	98	92	39	12-0-2	6-7-1	4-5-0	L6	
d-Montreal	30	18	10	2	78	61	38	11-4-2	7-6-0	5-4-0	L2	
Pittsburgh	32	21	9	2	0	103	74	44	10-5-1	11-4-1	9-1-0	L1
Atlanta	31	17	11	1	2	99	91	37	9-6-0	8-5-1	8-2-0	W2
NY Rangers	32	18	13	1	0	96	83	37	7-8-1	10-5-0	6-4-0	W1
Boston	28	16	8	1	3	81	56	36	7-5-1	9-3-0	5-3-1	L1
Tampa Bay	30	16	10	2	2	94	106	36	7-2-1	9-8-1	6-2-0	W1
Ottawa	32	13	16	2	1	71	96	29	8-3-1	5-8-0	3-5-1	L1
Carolina	28	12	12	0	4	78	87	28	6-5-0	6-7-3	3-3-0	W1
Buffalo	30	12	14	0	4	78	84	28	6-9-0	6-5-0	5-4-0	L1
Florida	28	13	15	0	7	71	72	26	6-5-0	7-0-0	3-7-0	W1
Toronto	29	11	14	2	2	65	86	26	8-6-2	3-8-0	4-5-0	W1
New Jersey	29	8	19	1	1	53	88	18	4-7-1	4-12-0	3-7-0	L5
NY Islanders	28	5	18	3	2	59	98	15	3-7-1	2-11-2	1-7-2	L6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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d-Detroit	29	19	7	2	1	96	78	41	11-4-1	8-3-1	6-3-1	L1
d-Dallas	30	18	10	0	2	86	82	38	11-3-0	7-7-0	2-7-1	W1
d-Vancouver	28	16	8	2	2	91	74	36	9-3-1	7-5-1	6-3-1	L1
Nashville	29	15	8	4	2	76	70	36	7-1-3	8-7-1	6-1-2	W3
Colorado	30	16	10	4	0	108	95	36	8-4-1	8-6-3	4-3-0	W3
Anaheim	33	16	12	2	3	87	98	36	11-0-1	5-7-2	6-3-0	W1
Los Angeles	28	17	10	1	0	78	65	35	11-2-0	6-8-0	5-4-0	W1
San Jose	30	15	10	4	1	90	87	35	8-4-2	7-6-2	5-4-0	L1
Chicago	32	16	13	2	1	101	96	35	8-6-0	8-5-2	6-3-1	L2
Phoenix	28	14	8	4	2	81	77	34	6-4-2	8-4-2	6-3-0	W1
Columbus	29	16	11	1	1	76	79	34	8-7-0	8-4-1	3-5-1	L1
St. Louis	28	14	9	2	3	72	75	33	9-2-0	5-7-2	4-4-1	L1
Minnesota	29	13	12	1	3	71	86	30	7-6-2	6-6-1	4-4-1	L1
Calgary	31	13	15	1	2	84	19	29	8-6-0	5-9-3	5-4-0	W1
Edmonton	29	11	13	1	4	77	101	27	5-7-1	6-6-2	6-3-0	L1

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Dallas 3 San Jose 2 (SO)
Los Angeles 5 Detroit 0
Nashville 5 N.Y. Islanders 0
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

LATE MONDAY

FLAMES 3, JACKETS 2 (OT)

First Period

1. Calgary, Igina 13 (Backlund, Giordano) 2:20

2. Calgary, Morrison 5 (Hagman, Babchuk) 4:25

Penalty – Pahlsson Clb (holding) 11:30.

Second Period

3. Columbus, Vermette 9 (Murray) 18:45 (sh)

Penalties – Tyutin Clb (elbowing) 12:20, Sestito Clb (hooking) 17:43.

Third Period

4. Columbus, Nash 17 (Russell, Vermette) 15:41 (pp)

Penalty – Pardy Clb (hooking) 15:13.

Overtime

5. Calgary, Igina 14 (Tanguay, Sarich) 3:49

Penalties – None.

Shots

Columbus 6 9 9 0–24

Calgary 11 6 5 3–25

Goal (shots-saves) – Columbus: Mason (4-2),

Garon (1,7-4-0)(4:25 first)(21-20); Calgary:

Kiprusoff (W,11-14). Power plays (goals-chances) – Columbus: 1-1; Calgary: 0-3.

Att.– 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

SCORING LEADERS

G A PT

Crosby, Pgh 26 25 51

Stamkos, TB 24 20 44

St. Louis, TB 11 26 37

D.Sedin, Vcr 16 20 36

Ovechkin, Wash 12 24 36

Datsyuk, Det 11 25 36

Perry, Ana 16 19 35

H.Sedin, Vcr 5 30 35

B.Richards, Dal 12 22 34

Phoenix at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Washington, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Last night's results
Charlotte 97 Toronto 91
Philadelphia 82 New Jersey 77
L.A. Lakers 103 Washington 89
Atlanta at Detroit
Sacramento at Houston
Minnesota at Golden State
Monday's results
Miami 96, New Orleans 84
Chicago 92, Indiana 73
Memphis 86, Portland 73
Milwaukee 103, Dallas 99
Utah 108, Golden State 95
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at New York, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
BOBCATS 97, RAPTORS 91
TORONTO (91)
Weems 4-13 0-9, Johnson 5-9 2-412, Bargnani 4-14 3-5 12, Bayless 6-14 3-417, Roy 8-11 2-12, Burke 6-10 2-11, DeRozan 7-14 3-14, Davis 3-5 0-6, Barrosa 4-11 2-12, Kleiza 3-9 2-3, Wright 0-0 0-0, Dorsey 0-0 0-0. Totals 36-89 11-21. 99.

CHARLOTTE (97)

Zetterberg, Det 10 19 29
Clews, SJ 9 20 29
Roy, Buf 9 20 29
Charlotte at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Wallace 5-7 6-10, Diaw 4-10 1-2 9, Mo- hammed 8-11 2-5 18, Augustin 4-12 3-12, Jackson 3-8 1-2, Thomas 6-13 2-14, K. Brown 5-8 0-10, Livingston 2-3 2-2, McGuire 0-10-0, Henderson 0-1 0-0 0, Carroll 2-21-15, D. Brown 0-0 0-0. Totals 39-75 18-29 97.

Toronto 29 24 19 19 91

Charlotte 20 27 25 25 97

3-Point Goals – Toronto 8-26 (Barrosa 3-7,

Bayless 2-5, Weems 1-3, Kleiza 1-4, Bargnani

1-4, DeRozan 0-3), Charlotte 1-6 (Augustin 1-2,

2, Jackson 0-2, Diaw 0-2). Fouled Out – Jack- son, Rebounds – Toronto 52 (Johnson 12), Charlotte 58 (Mohammed 8). Assists – Toronto 21 (Bayless 9), Charlotte 24 (Augustin 7).

Total Fouls – Toronto 23, Charlotte 21. Techni- cals – Jackson, A-12,482 (19,077) at Char- lotte, N.C.

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

DETROIT TIGERS – Released RHP Alfredo Fi- garo and sold his contract to Orix (Japanese Pacific League).

NEW YORK YANKEES – Agreed to terms with RHP Mariano Rivera on a two-year contract.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS – Agreed to terms with DH/ OF Hideki Matsui on a one-year contract.

TAMPA BAY RAYS – Named Steve Watson pitching coach of Charlotte (FL) and Neil Allen pitching coach of Durham (IL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CINCINNATI REDS – Agreed to terms with OF Jay Bruce on a six-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS – Agreed to terms with D Cioner Navarro on a one-year contract.

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NHL

ANAHEIM DUCKS – Signed senior vice presi- dent of hockey operations David McNab and coach Randy Carlyle to a contract extension through the 2011-12 season.

CAROLINA HURRICANES – Recalled D Bryan Rodney from Charlotte (AHL) on an emer- gency basis.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS – Placed LW Brian Rol- ston on waivers. Recalled C Tim Sestito from Albany (AHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS – Returned D Dylan Reese and R Rhett Rakshani to Bridgeport (AHL).

VANCOUVER CANUCKS – Assigned F Guillaume Desbiens to Manitoba (AHL).

TRANSACTIONS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ST. PAUL SAINTS – Traded 1B Kris Sanchez to New Jersey (Can-Am) for cash.

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Could the Lincoln MKZ be the poster child for delivering hybrid technology at a down-to-earth price?

Ford's premium Lincoln division touts the new MKZ Hybrid sedan as the most efficient luxury car in North America and brags up its hyper-extended fuel economy. And with a \$43,750 price tag, this MKZ also happens to be one of the better buys out there.

The hybrid version of the MKZ is new to the line-up for the 2011 model year, but its drive system was first installed in the Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan (upon which the MKZ is based) for the 2010 model year. At about 1,635 kilograms — about 225 kilograms lighter than Lincoln's larger MKS sedan — the MKZ is an ideal platform to apply the hybrid magic wand.

Of course, the MKZ has to look the part of an upscale contender, and it really does. It might be based



on the humble Ford Fusion, but Lincoln's designers have done a solid job sculpting a distinctive front end. A delicately creased hood and jewel-like wrap-around headlights frame the brand's signature "waterfall" grille. The taillights and trunk lid have also been dressed up with the Lincoln touch.

The icing on the cake is a cool set of nine-spoke 17-inch alloy wheels that have been fitted with special low-rolling-resistance tires.

You might expect that Lincoln would scrimp a bit

on the Hybrid's interior content to maintain price parity with its V6 gas-powered stablemate.

Not at all, actually. This MKZ offers up standard genuine walnut or ash wood trim plus leather-covered seats that are power-adjustable (with memory settings) and heated and cooled in front.

There are also standard backup sensors as well as Ford's Microsoft-powered, voice-activated Sync system that controls a number of communication, entertainment and climate-control

functions.

Other unique standard features include a capless fuel filler that makes topping up a one-handed affair, while a keyless entry pad is handy if you're heading to the beach or out for a jog and don't want to bring a set of keys along.

Optional is a power sunroof, voice-activated navigation system, keyless remote start, rear-view camera, blind-spot warning alert and a premium THX-brand audio package.

The Hybrid powertrain consists of a 156-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine assisted by a 40-horsepower electric motor.

The net power output is 191 horses directed to the front wheels via a continuously variable transmission (CVT).

If the MKZ Hybrid catches on — and it's tough to see how it won't — you can expect other automakers to try and match this Lincoln's impressive fuel economy, features and price point.

MKZ Hybrid

What you should know about the 2011 Lincoln MKZ Hybrid:



- **Type:** Four-door, mid-size, front-wheel-drive, entry-luxury sedan
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4, combined with an electric motor (191, net)
- **Transmission:** Continuously variable.
- **Market Position:** Lincoln is venturing into the premium hybrid arena that's currently dominated by Lexus, along with offerings from Mercedes-Benz and BMW. However the MKZ raises the bar with its fuel-sipping powertrain.
- **Points:** Outstanding fuel economy along with a reasonable base price; Not a stripped-down model; arrives with plenty of creature comforts; Roomy interior beats primary competitors; No all-wheel-drive option.
- **Safety:** Front airbags; side-impact airbags; side-curtain airbags; anti-lock brakes; traction control; stability control.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 4.6/5.4;
- **Base price:** \$43,750 (including destination).



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There's more to a vehicle than metal. And chances are, if it's not metal, it's something created from petroleum — like plastic trim and polyester fibre.

But times are a changing.

Consider this quote on Ford's website, attributed to Cynthia Flanigan, a technical expert with Ford Plastics Research.

"Whenever petroleum-based materials exist — in plastic, rubber, foam, film or fabric — we are looking to minimize its proportion and replace it with a sustainable material."

A "sustainable material" would either be a plant-based material and/or a recycled material.

Ford has been using soy-

based foam for car seats for a few years now (starting on the 2007 Mustang).

It recently expanded its soy-foam portfolio to the industry's first soy-foam headliner on the 2010 Escape.

And among Ford's recycled materials initiatives are seat fabrics made with varying degrees of post-industrial yarns, suede-like material created from plastic pop bottles (Taurus SHO and Lincoln MKZ), and sound deadening and carpet backing fashioned in part from old blue jeans (2012 Focus).

While recycling efforts are useful and necessary, the cooler science projects are happening with bio-based materials. Tractor manufacturer John Deere is already using corn-based

polymers for certain body panels, and Canada's own Motive Industries says it will build its new electric car with body panels made of Alberta-grown hemp.

There are also R&D initiatives to make bio-based plastics to replace some metal parts in the engine department.

To stand up to the heat, these parts would have to be made up of a bio-plastic hybrid — something plant (like castor beans) and something nylon perhaps.

But in addition to all

these "green" benefits, us-

ing plants to build cars can also be a fashion statement.

Consider the recently announced BamBoo, which Rinspeed, a Swiss auto design firm, will unveil at this spring's Geneva auto show.

It's called BamBoo because many interior components are made from bamboo fibre.

Rinspeed's press release says the open-top electric-powered concept car "awakens the longing for sun and summer; for lightness and easiness; and the desire to be at the beach."

And it gets better: "It is a reminiscence of the 70s, of the south of France and St.

Tropez. And one would expect to find Brigitte Bardot behind the wheel with playboy Gunther Sachs at her side heading toward Tahiti beach."

Rinspeed figures that retro and greeness go good together, like wine and cheese, claiming that its old-new design creations are about channeling "the yearning to get back to the roots, paired with the absolute desire to be in harmony with creation."

May be a highfalutin way of expressing the sentiment, but probably not a totally off-base one for a lot of people.

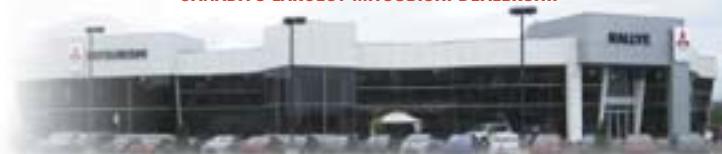


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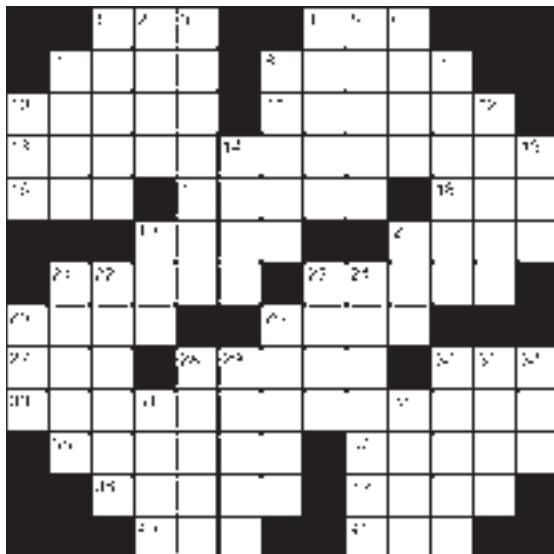
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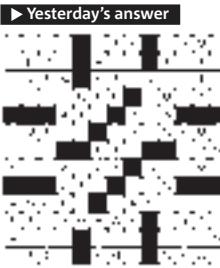
Crossword

Across
 1 Part of a Halloween costume
 4 You say it to the doctor
 7 Femur or fibula
 8 Related to birds
 10 Soft chapeau
 11 "Dueling" instruments
 13 Burroughs duo
 16 Distorted
 17 Witticisms
 18 Fish eggs
 19 Inlet
 20 Out of control
 21 Investigate
 23 Brittle
 25 Three-sloth
 26 Objective
 27 Mimic
 28 Chef's garb
 30 "Wham!"
 33 Stevenson duo
 36 Closed up tight
 37 Broadcast
 38 Small amounts
 39 Caustic solutions
 40 Sandra or Ruby
 41 Remiss

Down
 1 Fret
 2 Noted 1966 hurricane
 3 1958 No. 1 hit for the Silhouettes
 4 —-garde
 5 Harts' mates
 6 Muslims' pilgrimage
 7 Tolerate
 8 Lower in rank
 9 Venus de Milo's



feature
 10 Texter's "incidentally"
 12 Pry
 14 Actress Campbell
 15 Hair-raising shriek
 19 Massachusetts
 cape
 20 Have a bug
 21 Vatican VIPs
 22 Stunk
 23 Maine — (breed of cat)
 24 TV's Felix Unger
 25 — Mahal
 26 Alumni
 28 Sitcom oldie,



Today's horoscope



For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Aries March 21-April 20 Reach out to employers today. If they make promises, get them to put them in writing. What they agree to today may not be what they want to do tomorrow.

Taurus April 21-May 21 The more you expect of other people today, the more disappointed you are likely to be. Saying something and doing it are two entirely different things, so don't count your chickens just yet.

Gemini May 22-June 21 The planets warn if you act too fast today you are likely to do more harm than good. No matter how bad things may seem, there is still time to think before you take action.

Cancer June 22-July 22 If you suspect that someone is not being completely truthful today, don't make a big fuss about it. Sooner or later, he or she will let you know what's going on.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You may be thinking about a career change but the planets urge you to sleep on the idea. Chances are you are not thinking straight. The next few days will bring new opportunities, so don't change yet.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 This is not really the best time to be looking a long way ahead. In fact, you should be looking at what is in front of you right now. The next step you take is the one that matters.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Put your worries out of your head and start believing that your dream will come true. Success is as much about imagination as it is about hard work.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You can be judgmental at times, but today you must make a conscious effort not to be critical. You don't have to like what a friend or relative is doing but you have to accept that it's the right move for him or her.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23-Dec. 21 As a Fire sign, you are no stranger to taking risks. Over the next two or three days, you will be tempted to do things that most people would never attempt. But that's why you are special.

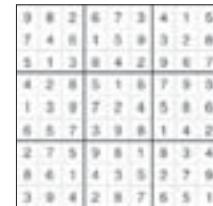
Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

[Yesterday's answer](#)



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